



ONE IN FAITH Area Catholic Community of

Church of St. Mary

Campuses in Melrose & Meire Grove, serving the communities of
Melrose, Meire Grove, Greenwald & Spring Hill

Church of the Sacred Heart Freeport

Church of the Immaculate Conception New Munich

Church of St. Rose of Lima St. Rosa

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 20, 2026

Fr. Daniel Walz, Pastor
Fr. Mitchell Bechtold, Pastor

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Friday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

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Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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Freeport, MN 56331

Bulletin Announcements

Deadline: Tuesday before 9:00 am

Email information to: bulletin@catholic-centered.org

Confession Times

- ♦Fridays 7:45 am Sacred Heart
- ♦Saturdays 8:00 am During Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - St. Mary - Melrose
- ♦Saturdays 3:30 pm Immaculate Conception
- ♦Saturdays 4:30 pm St. Mary - Melrose
- ♦Sundays 11:30 am St. Mary - Melrose
- ♦Or by appointment. Call the Parish Office.

Marriage

Couples are to begin preparation 6-12 months in advance and **must** call the respective Parish Office **before setting a date.**

*Diocesan Marriage Preparation Classes are required.

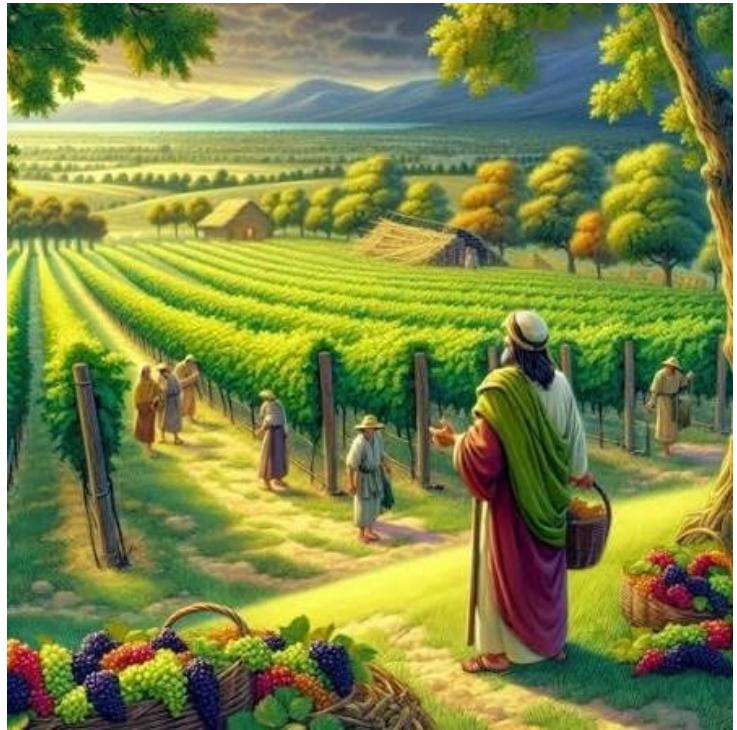
Baptism & OCIA

If you are interested in having your child baptized or participating in the OCIA program, contact the respective Parish Office.

Anointing of the Sick - Homebound Communion

Pastoral Visitation - Joining/Leaving a Parish

If you have any of the above or other pastoral needs, please call the respective Parish Office or check the parish websites.



Divine Equity

Jesus told his disciples this parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard.” Matthew 20:1-2

As the parable unfolds, the landowner returns to the marketplace four more times—at nine o’clock, noon, three, and finally at five—to hire additional workers. When the day’s labor concluded at six o’clock, each received the same full daily wage. Was this fair? To those who had worked the entire day, it certainly did not seem so. They grumbled, “These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day’s burden and the heat” (Matthew 20:12).

God is perfectly just. Yet His justice is never separated from His mercy. Together they form a harmony we may call Divine Equity, a principle that transcends limited human notions of fairness. God gives not merely according to labor performed but according to the wisdom of His eternal love and providence. What appears to us as inequality is, in truth, the generous outpouring of grace from the One who sees hearts, not hours. His ways are not our ways, and His judgments surpass the grasp of reason unaided by faith (cf. Isaiah 55:8-9).

At the heart of this parable is God’s abundant generosity. To better understand Divine Equity, it is helpful to prayerfully place ourselves among each group of laborers. Among those who have labored in Christ’s vineyard, we may find some who have far surpassed us in devotion and sacrifice, as well as others who arrived much later than we did.

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ACC MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS ~ SEPTEMBER 21 - 27

ADORATION

ST. MARY - Melrose

Tu 6:30 pm **Misa en español (Melrose)**
 †Harvey Butkowski

We 8:00 am †Clarence Schaefer (Meire Grove)

Th 8:00 am **SJSA School Mass (Greenwald)**
 †Friends of Larry & Rosie Van Beck

*Fr 8:30 am **SM School Mass (Melrose)**
 †Jolene Wieling
 †Delbert Wieling
 †Gerald Koopmeiners (Melrose)

Sa 5:00 pm For the People (Meire Grove)

Su 7:30 am †Deceased/Living Members of the
 Jerome & Mary Ann Butkowski
 Family (Melrose)

*Su 9:30 am **Misa en Español (Melrose)**
 †Florentino Montanez
 †Pedro Montanez

Su 12:00 pm

SACRED HEART - Freeport

Tu 8:15 am †Helen Hinnenkamp

We 8:15 am **SH School Mass**
 †Thomas "Tom" Blommel
 †Melvin Hartung

Th 8:15 am Souls in Purgatory

Fr 8:15 am †Deceased Members of the Job Family

Su 8:00 am

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

Sa 4:00 pm †Lois Schaefer

ST. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa

Su 10:00 am For the People

*Mass will be livestreamed.

Visit: oneinfaith.org for the YouTube link.

St. Mary - Melrose

First Thursday of the month 6:30 pm
 in Spanish (en Español) and
 Saturdays, 8:00 am - 9:00 am
 in English

Sacred Heart - Freeport

Fridays, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm



ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

Do You Have Questions About the Catholic Faith?

Are you or someone you know interested in exploring the Catholic Church as your church home? Have you been sitting in the pew next to your Catholic spouse for years wondering what you have to do to become Catholic? The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) is the Catholic Church's way of welcoming new members. It can also be the path to prepare for First Eucharist and/or Confirmation for baptized Catholics. OCIA is much more than a program. It is a learning and loving process in which conversion of the heart brings one to Jesus Christ. If you are interested in learning more about this program, please contact one of the parish offices or Deacon Ernie Kociemba at kociemba@meltel.net or call 320-248-5124 by Monday, September 21.

She Shall Be Called Woman is a transformative journey designed to meet the deepest longings of the feminine heart. Our program is a sanctuary for women seeking to be truly seen, known, and loved, as they grow in their relationship with the Lord. Through vibrant conversations, authentic speakers, and enriching prayer experiences, we equip you with the tools to embark on a profound spiritual journey. Join us for food, fellowship, and faith on Sunday evenings starting Sunday, September 27 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm at St. Mary's Church. All women from all parishes are welcome! Learn more at www.SheShallBeCalledWoman.com.

**Employment Opportunity...**

- St. Mary's Church** is seeking a temporary, part-time grounds and maintenance person beginning August 19 for approximately six to eight weeks. Duties will include general groundskeeping and maintenance for the church, school and cemeteries. For more information, please contact Fr. Mitchell or Pam at the parish office.
- Sacred Heart** is seeking a part-time Parish Groundskeeper/Custodian. This individual oversees the care of the parish grounds and buildings. Individuals interested in this position are asked to send a letter of interest and resume to ahoeschen@catholic-centered.org. For more information, please contact Amy Hoeschen at PO Box 155, Freeport, MN 56331 or call 320-836-2143.

Public Square Rosary Join us for The Public Square Rosary for Life on Saturday, October 10 at 9:00 am in the depot pavilion in downtown Freeport. We would love to pray together as a community with you! Bring a chair if needed and dress accordingly for weather.

**Parish News:**

~ Sacred Heart ~ Immaculate Conception ~ St. Rose of Lima ~

- October Ministry Schedule** was mailed or emailed to all ministers. It is also available on the Tri-Parish website. If you are unable to fulfill your ministry, please find a replacement. Thank you for sharing your time and talent with our parish.
- Knights of Columbus Meeting** will be Tuesday, September 22 at Sacred Heart Church, Freeport. We will begin with rosary at 7:10 pm followed by our meeting at 7:30 pm.

Hearts of Mercy - Bishop's Annual Appeal: The Diocesan TV Mass has been a lifeline for the homebound. Because of your generosity, the diocese broadcasts TV Mass weekly in 60 counties. It also is sent to nursing homes and available to countless others online. Other ministries of the Appeal support faith formation, family life, our Catholic schools, multicultural ministries, evangelization, and vocational discernment. Will you help keep these ministries strong? Visit www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.

Do You Want to Share Your Catholic Faith with Others?

The One in Faith ACC is seeking out individuals who would like to assist with the OCIA program. We are looking for catechists, sponsors, mentors, etc. If you are interested in helping with this program, please contact one of the parish offices or Deacon Ernie Kociemba at kociemba@meltel.net or call 320-248-5124.



Embroidered Dish Towels Do you need a bridal shower or wedding gift? Or do you need a new set of dish towels to use at home? Sacred Heart Parish has embroidered dish towels available for sale. They are \$35 for a set of seven and can be purchased at the Freeport Senior Center on Wednesdays from 1:00 - 5:00 pm or by calling Charlene Theis at 320-733-0731.

Marriage Encounter Fall in love all over again by attending the October 17-18 Marriage Encounter. You have nothing to lose and everything to gain. Weekends are held at Mt. Olivet Retreat Center in Farmington. Register at: www.marriages.org. A "perfect marriage" is simply two imperfect people who refuse to give up on each other! Marriage Encounter offers couples practical tools to communicate more deeply, grow closer, and renew their relationship with each other and God. Remember, "A perfect marriage is simply two imperfect people who refuse to give up on each other." Questions, call Mary at 651-454-3238.

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CHURCH OF ST. MARY

*Melrose Physical Address: 755 Kraft Drive SE
Melrose, MN 56352*

*Meire Grove Physical Address: 20 State Highway 4 S.
Meire Grove, MN 56352*

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St. Mary - Melrose

Total	\$12,514.00
Regular Adult Offering	6,294.00
Plate/Loose	941.00
Designated Funds	5,279.00

Spring Hill	\$585.00
Greenwald	\$105.00

St. Mary - Meire Grove

Total	\$1,883.50
Regular Adult Offering	1,585.00
Children's	0.50
Plate/Loose	47.00
Votives	46.00
Designated Funds	205.00

St. Mary's - Meire Grove Liturgical Ministries
Sunday, September 27 - 7:30 am

(S) Carter Kelzer & Collin Kelzer

(L) Karen Meyer

(U) Dennis Schmiesing & Don Schneider

(GB) Volunteer Needed

(EM) Char Meyer & Dan Meyer*

***St. John's ministers** have been emailed their new schedules. Copies are available in the church. The weekly ministry schedule will no longer be printed in the bulletin. The God's Housekeepers ministry schedule is available in the church. If you don't have internet access and need a roster, please contact Sarah Woeste at 320-256-9516.

St. Mary's - Melrose Calendar Raffle

09-13	\$25	Greg Middendorf, Freeport
09-14	\$25	Jeron & Amanda Hellermann, Melrose
09-15	\$25	Veronica Hellermann, Melrose
09-16	\$25	Jenny Mayers, Melrose
09-17	\$25	Florence Tschida, Grey Eagle
09-18	\$25	Gene Middendorf, Melrose
09-19	\$25	Cynthia Schluent, St. Cloud

**Baptized in Christ...** Gabriel Jesus Morales Ramirez

Volunteers Needed The 5:00 pm Saturday Mass in Melrose needs volunteers. Contact Sarah Woeste at 320-256-9516 if you are interested in helping and are not currently enrolled in the online scheduling program. Volunteers who have access to MSP can log in and pick up dates to help. Ministers should also update their service preferences. If you usually help on Sunday mornings but are open to helping with the Saturday evening Mass, please indicate that in your service preferences. Helping occasionally on Saturday evenings is a great way to volunteer more often.

Elections Thank you to everyone who made nominations for the two positions on the St. John's Finance Council. The election for two open finance positions in Meire Grove is scheduled to be held next Sunday, September 27, at the 7:30 am Mass.

Thank You to Group 2 and everyone that helped with Catholic United Financial Matching Grant Breakfast & Bake Sale in Spring Hill and for everyone that attended to make it a great success. Quilt winner: Paul Anderson.

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

*Physical Address: 106 3rd Avenue NE Freeport, MN 56331
Church Basement 320-836-2191*

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Total	\$6,405.46
Regular Adult Offering	4,631.46
Plate	446.00
Votive	258.00
Building/Maintenance	50.00
School Support	1,020.00

Parish Events

Su	09/20	9:00 am	Baptism
Mo	09/21	6:30 pm	Youth Night at SHS Gym
Tu	09/22	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Tu	09/22	7:10 pm	Knight of Columbus Meeting
We	09/23	5:30 pm	Joy in the Journey Practice
We	09/23	6:00 pm	Faith Formation Gr. 1-6 & Parent Class
We	09/23	7:00 pm	Faith Formation Gr. 7-10
We	09/23		No Confirmation Class
Fr	09/25	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr	09/25	9:00 am	Adoration
Fr	09/25	5:00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
Sa	09/26	6:00 am	Wedding Prep/Pictures
Sa	09/26	11:00 am	Welle/Gomez Wedding
Su	09/27	9:00 am	Baptism
Mo	09/28	7:00 pm	Confirmation Practice



Thank You The Dolores Notch family would like to thank everyone for their care and concern given to her during her short battle with cancer and subsequent death. May God bless each one of you. ~Alcuin Notch and Family

Annual Meeting Freeport Christian Women are hosting their Annual Meeting on Tuesday, October 6 beginning at 6:30 pm in the Sacred Heart Church basement. Join us for a light meal, a quick year in review and a fun round of Trivia. All Freeport Christian Women and those interested in joining are invited attend. Door prizes will be given out as well.

Looking Ahead: A Pancake/Sausage Breakfast sponsored by Sacred Heart Catholic United Financial #101 for the benefit of Sacred Heart School will be held on Sunday, October 11.

New Weekend Mass Schedule Beginning this weekend - September 19 & 20:

Saturday

5:00 pm — St. Mary's, Melrose

Sunday

7:30 am — St. John the Baptist, Meire Grove

9:30 am — St. Mary's, Melrose

12:00 pm — Spanish Mass at St. Mary's, Melrose

With the permission of Bishop Patrick Neary, Fr. Mitchell has been given permission to celebrate four Masses each weekend (Saturday Vigil and Sunday), making this schedule possible. This schedule has been chosen to: support the long-term viability of our faith communities, make responsible and efficient use of our churches and resources, and provide a schedule that can be sustained with occasional assistance of our deacons in preaching and retired priests to preside. Above all, our goal remains to serve the people throughout our parish boundaries as faithfully and effectively as possible. No schedule can meet every individual need or preference, and this option was only selected after careful planning and consideration, but is considered necessary at this time.

The liturgical ministry schedule has been modified to reflect the changes in Mass times. St. Mary's morning ministers have been moved to 9:30 am. Please request a substitute if you cannot be here as scheduled.

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CHURCH OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Physical Address: 650 Main Street
New Munich, MN 56356
Church Basement 320-837-5217

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Total.....	\$3,420.92
Regular Adult Offering.....	2,893.92
Plate	347.00
Building/Maintenance	100.00
Thanksgiving	30.00
Cash Bazaar	50.00

Parish Events

Mo 09/21 6:30 pm	Christian Women Meeting
Mo 09/21 6:30 pm	Youth Night at SHS Gym
Tu 09/22 7:10 pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting - FR
We 09/23 6:00 pm	FF Gr. 1-6 & Parent Class - FR
We 09/23 7:00 pm	FF Gr. 7-10 - FR
We 09/23	No Confirmation Class - FR
Th 09/24 7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Fr 09/25 8:30 am	Catholic Order of Foresters Breakfast Setup
Sa 09/26	Catholic Order of Foresters Breakfast Setup
Sa 09/26 3:30 pm	Individual Confessions
Su 09/27 6:30 am	Catholic Order of Foresters Breakfast Setup
Su 09/27 8:30 am	Catholic Order of Foresters Breakfast
Su 09/27 12:30 pm	Catholic Order of Foresters Breakfast Cleanup
Mo 09/28 7:00 pm	Confirmation Practice - FR

Baptized in Christ... We welcome **Franklin Michael Roerick**, the son of Tyler

& Katie Roerick, to our parish. Franklin Michael was baptized on Saturday, September 12.



Matching Fund Breakfast sponsored by St. Leo Court # 786, Catholic Order of Foresters of New Munich on Sunday, September 27 in the Immaculate Conception Church basement. Menu: Ham, fried potatoes, eggs, etc. Serving from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm. Proceeds go toward on-going church maintenance expenses. Contact 320-837-5239.

Thank you to the New Munich Lions for their donation of \$2,000 toward the Elevator and Expansion loan.

Choir Practice The New Munich Choir will practice on Thursday, September 24 at 7:00 pm. This is also a great time to join the choir. If you love to sing, or play an instrument, we would love to have you! If you have any questions, please call Calli at 320-290-4583.



St. Ann's Christian Women will meet in the gathering space in New Munich on Monday, September 21 at 6:30 pm. All are welcome to attend.



Bake Sale St. Ann's Christian Women will hold a bake sale Sunday, September 27 in conjunction with the Catholic Order of Forester's Breakfast in the church basement. Parish members with the last names beginning with N-Z are asked to bring baked items to the church basement Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning. If you choose not to bake, you are asked to please donate \$10.

CHURCH OF ST. ROSE OF LIMA

Physical Address: 28905 County Road 17
St. Rosa, MN 56331
Church Basement 320-836-2537

♦♦♦♦ Weekly Offering ♦♦♦♦

Total.....	\$23,589.08
Regular Adult Offering.....	23,157.08
Plate	432.00

Parish Events

Mo 09/21 6:30 pm	Youth Night at SHS Gym
Tu 09/22 7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Tu 09/22 7:10 pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting - FR
We 09/23 6:00 pm	FF Gr. 1-6 & Parent Class - FR
We 09/23 7:00 pm	FF Gr. 7-10 - FR
We 09/23	No Confirmation Class - FR
Fr 09/25 7:30 pm	Rosary
Su 09/27 11:00 am	Baptism
Mo 09/28 7:00 pm	Confirmation Practice - FR

Ladies Mark Your Calendars!

Christian Women Fall Meeting is set for Monday, October 5. With October being the month of the Holy Rosary we will start with a Scriptural Rosary at 6:00 pm in the church followed by a social in the church basement with the meeting beginning at 7:00 pm. All women from our parish are invited to attend. We are still in need of a Vice President for our council. If interested please reach out to one of the officers.

Sarah Toenyan, Cheryl Wiechman, Jan Herzog

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Mass Intentions Beginning this Monday, September 21, Mass intentions may be scheduled through Tuesday, February 9, 2027. If you have not scheduled a Mass intention since July 1, 2026, and would like to request one during this period, please contact the parish office. Our Mass intention policy is available in the church, on our website, and in the parish office.

Additional Musicians are Needed

 for St. Mary's Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses. If you love singing but do not want the commitment of joining the choir, please consider singing with a small group or sharing your talent as a cantor. Pianists and guitarists are also needed. Scheduling is based on your availability.

The St. Mary's Fall Picnic & Golden Ladle Cook-Off Event

was a wonderful success, complete with beautiful weather for the children's outdoor games! A special thank you to Deb A. Klaphake, Deb J. Klaphake, Michelle Rademacher, and Sarah Wiechman of the Parish Life Committee for their planning and hard work. We are also grateful to the members of the Finance Committee and the many other volunteers who helped make the event possible. Thank you to all the cooks who prepared such a delicious variety of soups and chilis for everyone to sample. Congratulations to Linda Mohr, winner of the Critic's Choice Award for her chicken wild rice soup, and Norah Wiechman, winner of the People's Choice Award for her ham and potato soup! Please visit our Facebook page to see pictures of the fun!

**Help Prepare Couples for a Christ-Centered Marriage**

We are seeking additional married couples who feel called to serve as mentor couples for engaged couples preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony. By sharing your faith, experience, and encouragement, you can help engaged couples build a strong foundation for a lifelong, Christ-centered marriage. Upcoming mentor couple training dates are: ♦September 26, 2026 ♦January 23, 2027 ♦April 24, 2027 Couples need to attend only one training session. Please contact the parish office for more information or to volunteer.

Save the Date! The Potato Pancake Supper in Meire Grove will be Sunday, October 18. Serving from 3:00 to 7:00 pm. Takeouts will be available.



Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.

Meet the Confirmation Candidates

of

Tri-Parish Community

2026



These young men and women are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at 4 pm on Sunday October 4th at Sacred Heart Church in Freeport, Minnesota.

They now ask for our faith community's prayers, support and example of discipleship that they may be ready to live more deeply in the life of the Holy Spirit which they entered into at Baptism.

Please join us in praying for them.



Autumn Austing is the daughter of Dan Austing & † Lori Austing of Sacred Heart Parish. Autumn has chosen Kendra Austing as her sponsor because "She's my sister-in-law & seems good in her faith." She chose St. Elizabeth Ann Seton as her confirmation name because "I feel like I relate to her the most and her story is very interesting to me." Autumn is in swimming & track. Her faith is important to her because "It was important to my mom."

Landon Bueckers is the son of Dustin Bueckers & Randi Robasse of Sacred Heart Parish. Landon has chosen Jamie Overman as his sponsor because "She is one of the kindest and most generous people I know." He chose Michael as his confirmation name because "It is my baptismal name given to me from my grandfather." Landon is in weightlifting & Knowledge Bowl. His faith is important to him because "It gives me something to believe in."



Laurynn Eiyneck is the daughter of Darryl & Heidi Eiyneck of Sacred Heart Parish. Laurynn has chosen Maxine Topel to be her sponsor because "She has a very strong Catholic faith and likes to spread God's joy & love to everyone she knows." She chose St. Felicity as her confirmation name because "She is a symbol of faith, courage & perseverance for young Christians." Laurynn is in swimming, weight training, fishing team & FFA. Her faith is important to her because "It helps me be a better person by allowing God's love to shine through me and see the beauty of the world God created."

Brecken Elfering is the son of Alecia & John Elfering of Immaculate Conception Parish. Brecken has chosen Tom Elfering as his sponsor because "He is a great role model in my life. My grandpa has taught me a lot of things about my faith & is a big part of where I am today." He chose St. John as his confirmation name because "He was a strong follower of Jesus. He was known for his love, loyalty & strong faith. I want to follow his example by growing closer to God & showing kindness to others." Brecken is in football, basketball & baseball. His faith is important to him because "It helps me grow closer to God & others around me. It also helps me follow the right path and make good decisions in life."





Johnathan Ettel is the son of Jeff & Teresa Ettel of Sacred Heart Parish. Johnathan has chosen Joseph Massmann as his sponsor because "He is a very close friend & he has a very good relationship with Jesus & I want to be more like him." He chose Joe as his confirmation name because "Of my sponsor." Johnathan is an altar server. His faith is important to him "So I can get into heaven with all my family for eternity."

Wyatt Feldewerd is the son of Gary & Ashley Feldewerd of Sacred Heart Parish. Wyatt has chosen Hunter Feldewerd as his sponsor because "I grew up going to church with him every Sunday & learning about Jesus with him. He is also someone I can trust." He chose John as his confirmation name because "It was my baptism name." Wyatt is in trap shooting. His faith is important to him because "I have been learning it since I was young & I would like to continue to learn it to grow closer to God."



Cole Fiedler is the son of Allen & Courtney Fiedler of Sacred Heart Parish. Cole has chosen Terry Uphus as his sponsor because "He & I are very close & he is very faithful towards Christianity, like going to church every week at least twice." He chose St. Sebastian as his confirmation name because "I really like the saint as he is the patron saint of archery & sports, both of which I do." Cole is in archery & usually volunteers at Vacation Bible School. His faith is important to him because it gives him something to work or strive for being heaven in 60 years from now.

Abby Herkenhoff is the daughter of Brad & Jenelle Herkenhoff of St. Rose of Lima Parish. Abby has chosen Kayla Frieler as her sponsor because "She has always been such a role model for me in both my faith & as a woman who I aspire to grow up like." She chose St. Gianna Beretta Molla as her confirmation name because "She is the saint of pediatric physicians & mothers. She is an amazing example of a woman I hope to become and follow." Abby is in NHS, student council, speech, softball, Peer Tutor Program, PSEO, & a Youth Group volunteer. Her faith is important to her because "It is the reason that I have so many amazing opportunities & people in my life. It has helped me through my entire journey & will continue to for decades to come."



Elaine Herkenhoff is the daughter of Tom & Vicky Herkenhoff of St. Rose of Lima Parish. Elaine has chosen Abbie Herkenhoff as her sponsor because "I appreciate how my Aunt Abbie is a simple, caring person who practices her faith in her day-to-day actions. She is easy to talk to & goes to church regularly." She chose St. Maria Goretti as her confirmation name because "She was a quiet hard working farm girl. In her life, she was the kind of person that made things happen but was often in the background often unnoticed." Elaine is in softball, FFA, a Parish Festival volunteer, & attends Castaway. Her faith is important to her because "Through my faith I can be closer to God."

Ava Hollenkamp is the daughter of Jay & Heidi Hollenkamp of Sacred Heart Parish. Ava has chosen Rachel Von Wahlde as her sponsor because "She has always been there for me & I feel as if I can go to her for anything." She chose St. Joan of Arc as her confirmation name because "We have similar personalities & she was determined with her faith." Ava is a Vacation Bible School leader & a Parish Festival volunteer. Her faith is important to her because "It makes me happy to know I will always have someone in my corner. Whenever I feel lost I go to God for help & answers. It's just Great to know I will never be alone even if I feel I am."



Logan Hoppe is the son of Chase & Stacy Hoppe of Immaculate Conception Parish. Logan has chosen Chris Hoppe as his sponsor because "I look up to him. His faith is strong. He also gives me good advice." He chose John as his confirmation name because "It was my dad's grandpa's name." Logan is in snowmobile club. His faith is important to him because "When I go to church, I listen to the homily & I always get something out of it."

Thor Hoppe is the son of Jason & Heidi Hoppe of Sacred Heart Parish. Thor has chosen Luke Dehmer as his sponsor because "We share a lot of the same hobbies like hunting & fishing. I wanted to learn how to get closer to God in those activities like Luke did." He chose St. Hubert as his confirmation name because "He is the patron saint of hunters & hunting is my way of being with God." Thor is in baseball. His faith is important to him because "God is the one & only thing you need in life & will be there for me no matter what."





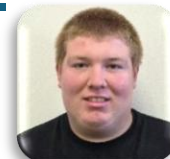
Emalee Klasen is the daughter of Tony & Julie Klasen of Sacred Heart Parish. Emalee has chosen Luke Van Beck as her sponsor because "He is my cousin & throughout my whole life he has been a great role model. I would see Luke at Mass when I was younger & I still see him at Mass. Recently Luke & his wife, Kasia, have become very good leaders to me & many others because they helped put together & lead the Youth Nights at Sacred Heart Church." She chose Rose as her confirmation name because "There is St. Rose of Lima & she was the first canonized person from the Americas. My middle name is also Rose & the church in St. Rosa is St. Rose of Lima." Emalee is in softball, Youth Leadership Team, a Vacation Bible School leader, & volleyball. Her faith is important to her because "I want to go to heaven. I want to live my life happily & try my best to be a great person. I can be a great person by following the path that God has planned for me."

Macey Middendorf is the daughter of Chris & Deana Middendorf of Sacred Heart Parish. Macey has chosen Kylee Ellering as her sponsor because "She's very caring & loving, & she is very close with God." She chose Georgene as her confirmation name because "It is a family name." Macey is a Parish Festival volunteer & a Sacristy cleaner. Her faith is important to her because "It gives me strength, hope, & guidance, especially during hard times."



Kelli Pundsack is the daughter of Pam & Kris Pundsack of St. Rose of Lima Parish. Kelli has chosen Meghan Pundsack as her sponsor because "She is someone who is deeply rooted in her faith & wants to help others be closer with God." She chose St. Amelia as her confirmation name because "She was a saint who was deeply rooted in her faith & coincidentally is the same name of my niece who has very faithful parents." Kelli is in band, FFA, swimming, diving, 4H, gymnastics, track, volleyball, & plays piano. Her faith is important to her because "God is a friend who's always ready for you to talk to Him. No matter what you do, God has unconditional love for everyone. He helps us through rough time & blesses us with good times."

Tyler Rakotz is the son of Tom & Dawn Rakotz of St. Rose of Lima Parish. Tyler has chosen Chris Tschida as his sponsor because he has a very special place in his heart. That Chris is also the **best** uncle he could ask for. He chose St. Thomas as his confirmation name because "My dad's name is Thomas." Tyler is in football. His faith is important to him because "I want to grow with God."



Parker Revermann is the son of Jason Revermann & Sara Revermann of Sacred Heart Parish. Parker has chosen Mary Revermann as his sponsor because "My grandma is a great example of the Catholic faith & I know she will always guide & support me." He chose St. Honoratus of Amiens as his confirmation name because "I love to bake & he inspires me to use my passion to share joy & serve my community." Parker is in cross country, track & field, & NHS. His faith is important to him because "It helps me grow closer to God & become the best version of myself."

Aubrey Ritter is the daughter of Rick & Melissa Ritter of Sacred Heart Parish. Aubrey has chosen Shannon Ritter as her sponsor because "She's my Godmother." She chose St. Elizabeth as her confirmation name because "She is the patron saint of hospitals & nurses. I am going into the medical field when I am older & my sister has just gone into college for nursing." Aubrey is in soccer. Her faith is important to her because "It is a big part of my life & I just feel like it's a blessing to be able to have my faith."



Aiden Sand is the son of Michael & Chrystal Sand of Sacred Heart Parish. Aiden has chosen Mike Terres as his sponsor because "He is really into his faith & I look up to him." He chose Michael as his confirmation name because "It is my dad's name & sponsor's name." Aiden has a full-time job as a full-time student. His faith is important to him because "I get to share the Gospel with others."

Eve Shaw is the daughter of Nick & Gwen Shaw of Sacred Heart Parish. Eve has chosen Mark Scherping as her sponsor because "He is my grandpa & is a strong advocate in me & my family's faith." She chose Anne as her confirmation name because "It is my sister's middle name & my past grandma's." Eve is in gymnastics & flag football. Her faith is important to her because "It will help me grow my relationship with God & others."





Wyatt Soenneker is the son of Chad & Jamie Soenneker of Sacred Heart Parish. Wyatt has chosen Greg Eiyneck as his sponsor because "He is a strong leader in his Catholic faith. He has taught me the importance of God & prayer in my daily life. His faith is inspiring to me. I pray one day I can have deeper faith like his." He chose St. Michael as his confirmation name because "I like the name and the saint." Wyatt is in football, fishing team, Youth Football Camp, & a Parish Festival volunteer. His faith is important to him because "Jesus died on the cross for our sins. And the only thing that matters when we die is our faith & relationship with God."

Tyler Stoermann is the son of Scott & Debbie Stoermann of St. Rose of Lima Parish. Tyler has chosen Raymond Stoermann as his sponsor. He chose St. Joseph of Cupertino as his confirmation name because "He is the patron saint of aviation & pilots. I am working on getting my private pilot license." Tyler is in Experimental Aircraft Association Aviation Group.



Landon Terres is the son of Mike Terres & Missy Terres of Sacred Heart Parish. Landon has chosen Jenna Terres as his sponsor because "She is my sister, & she is a good leader in our faith." He chose St. Michael as his confirmation name because "It is my dad's name & my middle name." Landon is in trap. His faith is important to him because "I believe in God & it helps guide me in my life."

Eddie Terres is the son of Nathan & Amy Terres of Sacred Heart Parish. Eddie has chosen Isaac Herkenhoff as his sponsor because "He was the closest to a big brother I have, and he has taught me about religion." He chose St. Sebastian as his confirmation name because "It is the saint I chose." Eddie is in baseball, basketball, & football. His faith is important to him because it is something that he can rely on & something he strongly believes in & it teaches him a lot of lessons.



Liberty Tschida is the daughter of Kurt & Brenda Tschida of Immaculate Conception Parish. Liberty has chosen Cheryl Hellermann as her sponsor because "She is a close family friend who has been an incredible model of how a Catholic woman should live for God. She has taught me many valuable things & I look up to her very much." She chose St. Bernadette as her confirmation name because "I am very inspired by her strength. I also hope to be as devoted to the Blessed Mother & the rosary as her." Liberty is in FFA, NHS, & a Vacation Bible School leader. Her faith is important to her because "I love my life & recognize it was a very special gift given to me by a wonderful God. He has blessed me abundantly, so living my life for Him is like a simple thank you. Heaven is my home & I want to love Jesus with my whole heart on this earth until I reach my destination."

Jenavieve Van Beck is the daughter of Noah & Sara Van Beck of Sacred Heart Parish. Jenavieve has chosen Maretta Welle as her sponsor because "She is such an amazing example of what a woman of God looks like & she puts God first always." She chose St. Dymphna as her confirmation name because "St. Dymphna is my confirmation saint." Jenavieve is in FFA, a Youth Leader, & Student Council. Her faith is important to her because "it has always been the center of my life & has shown me how to live my life, & God's love is like no other & being able to experience that fills me with gratitude every day."



Molly Wilwerding is the daughter of Jerry & Amy Wilwerding of Sacred Heart Parish. Molly has chosen Mary Ann Wilwerding as her sponsor because "She is a very spiritual person who always make time for faith & prayer in her life. She is a great example of what a good & prayerful Catholic should look like." She chose St. Genesius as her confirmation name because "I love this saint & his story. It is very inspiring to me & I hope to be as brave as he was." Molly is in musicals, plays, church choir, & a children's liturgist. Her faith is important to her because "Without it I would be lost. My faith keeps me grounded & without it my life would be unhappy & uneventful."

Sydney Zink is the daughter of Matthew & Christina Zink of Immaculate Conception Parish. Sydney has chosen Kaitlyn Berg as her sponsor because "She has been an amazing mentor & role model for me since I was little. She is a constant reminder of God working through people." She chose Bernice as her confirmation name because "It is my grandma's name, & she has also been a big part of my faith journey. There is also a St. Bernice, & her feast day is our confirmation day." Sydney is on the dance team. Her faith is important to her because "It's always been a constant in my life. No matter where life takes me, I will always have God by my side. His unconditional love both comforts me & guides me. My faith isn't just a part of me; it's who I am."



FAITH FORMATION

Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa:

Contact Information: faithformation@catholic-centered.org

- **Grades 1-6: Next Class:** Wednesday, September 23 at 6:00 pm. All classes will meet in their designated classrooms in the Tri-Parish Office.
- **Parent Class:** Parents of students in grades 1-6 will meet in the Sacred Heart Church Basement on Wednesday, September 23 from 6:00-7:00 pm while the students are in class.
- **Grades 7-10: Next Class:** Wednesday, September 23 at 7:00 pm. See schedule that was mailed out for designated classroom.
- **Grade 9:** Parents must attend the first 15 minutes of class Wednesday, September 23 to understand what your child is learning and the expectations for class.
- **Grade 11: Confirmation Practice** is Monday, September 28 at 7:00 pm at Sacred Heart. Confirmation Mass will be on Sunday, October 4 at 1:00 pm at Sacred Heart.

Melrose, Spring Hill, Greenwald, Meire Grove:

Contact Information: faithformation@stmarysofamelrose.org

- **Mass at the Barn** Please come and join us for Mass at the barn on Wednesday, September 30. Mass will start at 5:30 pm, followed by a picnic supper and kickball. All youth and families are welcome.
- **Next Class:** Wednesday, September 23 is our next Faith Formation session. Please sign up for Faith Formation. We need a 1st grade teacher and a few more parents to help with grades 6-10. Please let me know if you are willing to help.
- **Help Needed** We are going to need help on Sunday, October 11 for our Bingo event for the Parish. Parents and youth are needed. Please let Mark Kociemba know if you are interested.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Tri-Parish Youth Ministry:

Contact Information: youthministry@catholic-centered.org

- **Youth Night** Monday, September 21 at 6:30 pm in the Sacred Heart School Gym! Students in grades 9-12 from any parish are invited to join us!

St. Mary's Youth Ministry:

Contact Information: faithformation@stmarysofamelrose.com

- **Youth Group Meeting Time Change** Our Youth Ministry time is going to change due to the new Mass times. We will be meeting from 4:30-5:45 pm on Sunday, September 27 at St. Mary's School. Please come join us for fun, food, and growing closer to Christ.

Prayer Requests...

Please call the parish office to be added to this list.

Banns of Matrimony:

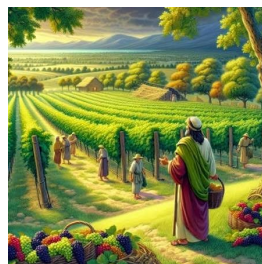
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Yet God sees each soul individually. He does not measure us against one another. He sees each worker according to his own disposition, his interior response to His call, and the sincerity of his effort. Grace is distributed not based on external accomplishments alone but on the openness of heart and fidelity to His will.

For example, when we work for God—meaning we live in a state of grace and are faithful to His divine will—we merit spiritual rewards by His generosity. But even the most devout soul can lose everything through mortal sin. If such sin is unrepented, Divine Equity, which always respects both justice and freedom, demands the consequence of eternal separation from God.

Conversely, a soul that lives much of life far from God, mired in sin, yet sincerely repents near the end—perhaps even in the final hour—can receive an abundance of grace. A genuine, humble, and complete conversion at the end of life opens the floodgates of Divine Mercy. In such a case, God's Divine Equity responds not by withholding grace, but by pouring it out lavishly, in accord with His infinite mercy.

Equity is not equality. In modern discourse, the term “equity” is often misused or distorted. But Divine Equity is something altogether different. It flows from God's perfect justice and mercy, distributing grace according to the truth of each soul's interior life—not according to a purely external standard.

Reflect today on your own place among the laborers in the vineyard. Are you tempted to compare your spiritual journey with others? Do you resent the blessings others have received, or do you trust that God sees your heart and will reward you with generosity beyond measure? Rejoice that Divine Equity governs the Kingdom of Heaven; in that justice, perfected by mercy, all things are made right.

My Divine Judge, You rule with perfect equity, justice, and mercy. Your ways are flawless and overflow with generosity.

Please govern my soul and judge me according to Your Wisdom, so that I may receive all that You long to bestow. Grant me the grace to remain faithful to the end, persevering and deepening my service to You for the building up of Your glorious Kingdom. Jesus, I trust in You.

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Stewardship as a Way of Life:

“Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

Matthew 20:16

You've heard the saying “it's not where you start, but how you finish.” This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our sincere gratitude and cheerful generosity will help us live “God-centered” lives and not “self-centered” lives.

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♥ **We are BACK AT SCHOOL!** Please be careful and watch for children at all times when driving and parking near the school and church.

♥ The PreK classes went to a **Great Theatre performance** on Thursday, September 17 and our Kindergarten and First grade will go to a performance on Thursday, September 24.

♥ **Thank You** to the many donors from which we received donations already this fall - American Legion Auxiliary Post #101, Catholic Foundation, Joe Hennen and Andy and Nicole Welle. We appreciate your support of SHS!

♥ **Thank You** We would like to thank the Freeport Lions for supplying our summercare busing and to Famo Feeds for supplying the funds for the busing we need all year long for field trips, etc. Thank you both!

LOOKING AHEAD:

♥ **Care A Thon** Friday, October 2.

♥ **Grandparents Day** Friday, October 9.

♦ Please consider pledging a student for our upcoming **Marathon/Prayer-A-Thon** on Friday, October 2. Our goal is to raise \$30,000 through this fundraiser. This is a budgeted item in our school budget for the 2026-2027 school year. We also believe in the power of prayer and want to pray for you and your families. Please feel free to send in prayer requests as well. All donations and prayers can be sent to St. Mary's School, 320 5th Ave. SE, Melrose, MN 56352.

♦ **Thank You** to Arvig for their gift of \$993 from their School Partnership Program. We have been given \$32,080 from the onset of this program. If you're an Arvig internet customer, sign up for the School Partnership Program, and Arvig will donate \$1 each month to the school of your choice at no additional cost to you. If you are currently participating in this program, you do not need to sign up again. <https://www.arvig.net/>

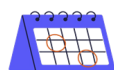
♦ **Thank You.** Through Arvig's School Partnership Program, our school receives \$1 each month for every Arvig internet customer who selects SJSA as their school of choice. Thanks to this program, we just received a \$233 check from Arvig!

♦ Our annual **Blessing of the Animals** will take place on Friday, October 2 at 2:00 pm. All are welcome to bring their pets outside of the school to receive a special blessing as we celebrate the feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

♦ **Pizza Sale Pick-Up** is Saturday, October 3 from 9:00 - 10:00 am in the school basement.

♦ **SJSA Prayer-a-Thon** is Friday, October 9. Please support our students as they seek pledges to reach our fundraising goal of \$18,000. Thank you.

♦ **Greenwald Elevator Softener Salt Sale**
 The Greenwald Elevator is having a salt sale with proceeds benefiting SJSA. Salt can be ordered by the bag or pallet now through Monday, October 5. The pick up date is Thursday, October 29 at the Greenwald Elevator. You can place your order with any SJSA family, by calling the school at 320-987-3133, or by calling the Greenwald Elevator at 320-987-3159. Thank you for supporting the Greenwald Elevator Salt Sale.



Sacred Heart School Calendar Raffle Winners!

09/13	\$25	Amy Bertram - St. Joseph
09/14	\$25	Kim Feldewerd - Freeport
09/15	\$25	Lindsay Frieler - Grey Eagle
09/16	\$25	Glen & Peggy Stangler - Albany
09/17	\$25	Kyle & Brooke Rademacher - Freeport
09/18	\$25	Carter Klaphake - Freeport
09/19	\$25	Colleen Beatty - Andover



Public Rosary...

We have much to pray for and even more to be thankful for.
All are invited and welcome!

St. Mary - Melrose

- Wednesday: 1:00 pm
- Thursday (Spanish): 6:30 pm
 (Except the 1st Thursday)

St. Mary - Meire Grove

- Monday: 7:00 am
- Sunday: 7:00 am

Greenwald

- Thursday: 7:40 am

Sacred Heart, Freeport

- Tuesday: 7:45 am
- Wednesday: 7:45 am
- Thursday: 7:45 am
- Friday: 7:45 am
- Sunday: 7:30 am

Immaculate Conception, New Munich

- Saturday: 3:30 pm

St. Rose of Lima, St. Rosa

- Friday: 7:30 pm
- Sunday: 9:30 am



The Scriptures This Week Year A, Weekdays - Cycle II

Mo	Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist (<i>Feast</i>)	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13	Mt 9:9-13
Tu	Weekday	Prv 21:1-6, 10-13	Lk 8:19-21
We	Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest (<i>Memorial</i>)	Prv 30:5-9	Lk 9:1-6
Th	Weekday	Ecc 1:2-11	Lk 9:7-9
Fr	Weekday	Ecc 3:1-11	Lk 9:18-22
Sa	Weekday (<i>Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs; BVM</i>)	Ecc 11:9—12:8	Lk 9:43b-45
Next Sunday - Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time			
Ez 18:25-28 Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5 Mt 21:28-32			

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**A Life-Changing Weekend Awaits You**

Looking to deepen your faith and encounter God in a powerful way? TEC (Together Encountering Christ) is a three-day retreat for individuals ages 16 and older, focused on experiencing the Paschal Mystery — Christ's death, resurrection, and mission. Throughout the weekend, you'll have the chance to reflect on your personal relationship with Christ, hear inspiring talks, engage in meaningful group discussions, and spend time in prayer. TEC offers an open and affirming space for participants to grow in faith and connect with others on a similar journey. Join almost 40,000 people in Central Minnesota who have experienced the transformative power of TEC. Ready to make a lasting change in your life? For more information and to register, visit cmtec.org or call 320-532-4455. TEC weekends are open to individuals ages 16 and older. The next weekend is October 16 - 18.

DCCW Sunday Bishop Patrick Neary, C.S.C., has proclaimed the 2nd weekend in October (October 11, 2026) of each year as Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) Sunday in the Diocese of St. Cloud. We would like to recognize all women organizations (Christian Mothers/Women, Rosary/Altar Sodality, D of I, etc.) in our parishes in October. The National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) is an organization of concerned women established by the Bishops of the United States (USCCB) in 1920 to offer women the opportunity to increase their knowledge of the Church, strengthen their leadership skills, and deepen their spirituality through prayer and service. Council of Catholic Women (CCW) Sunday is the day to highlight the activities and leadership carried out by Catholic Women. All parish Christian Mothers/Women's organizations are affiliates of the NCCW.

Theology Day at Saint John's University in Collegeville is a chance for people in our communities who are seeking a deeper spiritual life or understanding of their faith and its place in their everyday lives to learn from and interact with the theologians of Saint John's School of Theology and Seminary. It offers a chance for these scholars to gain insights and grow in their faith, as well. Enhance your spiritual life with one of the events listed below. All events are held from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm in Emmaus Hall. For more information or to register, please call 320-363-3560 or visit www.theologyday.com.

•And Who is My Enemy? Presenter: Ben Durheim, Ph.D. (Friday, October 2)

Healing the Whole Person: The Eight-Part Group Video Series by Dr. Bob Schuchts and Sr. Miriam James Heidland. Come experience eight talks, community reflections, and healing and restoration. Join Fr. Greg Paffel and St. Stanislaus Church, Bowlus for this three-day weekend retreat - October 23, 24 & 25. Friday (2:00 - 9:00 pm), Saturday (9:00 am - 3:30 pm), & Sunday (starts with weekend Mass at 10:00 am - 4:30 pm). Early bird registration by Monday, October 12 - \$75. Starting Tuesday, October 13, registration will be \$100. If you have any questions about the retreats, contact Janice at 320-640-7623 or at healing@spiritandsaints.org. Registration for Bowlus can also be done at: <https://forms.gle/NZkuqkG6xUnXy4mw7>. Please note: This is a licensed video series used with the permission of the JPPI Healing Center. This is not a JPPI Healing Center event.



Care for Creation: Care for creation - conserving resources, reducing waste, supporting sustainable practices or simply pausing to appreciate the beauty around us - becomes a prayer of praise to the Creator. Learn more at <https://stcdio.org/care-for-creation/>.

Marriage & Natural Family Planning: A Divine Design!

Natural Family Planning (NFP) is a reliable way to plan your family. It cooperates with God's design for married love. NFP is effective, wholesome and healthy. A First Instruction in the Billings Ovulation Method will be offered in Sauk Centre on Thursday, October 15 at 6:30 pm at St. Paul's Church or CentraCare - Sauk Centre Hospital. For more information, or to register, contact Jill and Isaac Uphus at uphus.nfp@gmail.com or 320-290-8751. The class is approximately 1½ to 2 hours long. *Note: Most insurance plans cover the cost of NFP Instruction and follow-up!



HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

Look for more information about these and other events in Central Minnesota Catholic Magazine or Local Paper or Online

September 20, Sunday

♦ **St. Anthony Church Breakfast** St. Cloud. Serving from 8:00 am until 12:00 pm in the St. Anthony Parish Center, 2405 - 1st St. N. St. Cloud. Adults \$12, Grades 7 - 12 \$6, PreK - 6 Free.

♦ **Frantober Fest** at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Sartell from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm. Food, bingo, kids games, silent auction, big ticket, and quilt drawing.

September 22, Tuesday

♦ **Catholic United Financial Live Music** at the New Munich City Hall from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. All are Welcome.

♦ **Online Evening Prayer with Young Adults** Young adults ages 18+ are invited to pray online together with other young adults and School Sisters of Notre Dame from across the U.S. and Canada at 7:00 pm. Experience evening prayer in the gentle rhythm of the Liturgy of the Hours (psalms, scripture and intercessions), with time for faith sharing in breakout groups. Please register in advance for the Zoom link at ssnd.org/events/9-22-26/.

September 25, Friday

♦ **Burger Night** at the Melrose American Legion Post 101. Baskets starting at \$10. Doors open at 3:00 pm. Serving from 4:30 - 7:30 pm. Take-outs available.

September 26, Saturday

♦ **Hog Roast** at Grey Eagle United Methodist Church Co. Rds 2 and 47. 2.5 miles south of Grey Eagle. Serving from 4:30 - 7:00 pm. Drive-up meals and inside/outside dining. Call 320-285-8013 to order in advance. Free will offering requested with proceeds going to help support our Ukraine friends and the church general fund.

September 27, Sunday

♦ **Annual "Matching Fund Breakfast"** at Immaculate Conception Church basement, sponsored by Catholic Order of Foresters Court, St. Leo Court #786 of New Munich. Serving from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm. Proceeds go toward on going church maintenance expenses. Contact 320-837-5239 with any questions.

♦ **Albany Legion Post 482 Smorgasbord Breakfast** serving at the Church of Seven Dolors Parish Hall, Albany from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm.

September 29, Tuesday

♦ **Bologna Daze** at Elrosa Bar & Lounge serving from 5:00 - 7:30 pm. Music by Gene's Rock'n Country. \$12 all you can eat. Sponsored by: Elrosa Senior Citizens.

September 30, Wednesday

♦ **American Red Cross Blood Drive** at the American Legion, Melrose from 12:30 pm to 6:30 pm. Please call 800-RED CROSS or visit RedCrossBlood.org, enter Melrose to schedule an appointment. Fall into the habit of donating! Get a \$15 e-gift card when you come to give blood September 21 - October 18.

October 4, Sunday

♦ **Pancake & Sausage Breakfast** hosted by the Melrose Fire Department Relief Association. Serving from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm at the Melrose Fire Hall.

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